

# LFP Times



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## Mayor's Corner – We Appreciate Our Volunteers



Mayor Jeff Johnson

Do you ever find yourself wondering how Lake Forest Park remains such a desirable community? Have you wondered how we are graced with such an outstanding urban forest; enjoyable and accessible parks, and open space; maintain unwavering focus on climate resiliency; and preserve our way of life in a fast-paced growing region? It's thanks

to our residents and their commitment to the various volunteer boards and commissions that make up our local government. Our Planning Commission is currently involved in the 10-year update to the state-required Comprehensive Plan

[[https://cityoflfp.gov/373](http://cityoflfp.gov/373)], to set goals and policies for growth, infrastructure and services; our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is leading the public planning process for the city's new lake front park

[[https://lfpakefrontpark.com](http://lfpakefrontpark.com)]; the Tree Board is currently completing an update to our citywide Tree Code; and the Climate Action Committee is currently drafting a Climate Action Plan for the city.

If you are interested, we are always looking for new volunteers and would love to hear from you. If you currently don't have the time to commit every month, I encourage you to attend as time allows. We are doing great things in Lake Forest Park!

**Planning Commission 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Tree Board 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Climate Action Committee 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

To apply for a position with our boards, commissions, and committees, please submit the online application: [https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/bc/application](http://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/bc/application).

—Mayor Johnson

## Winter Porch Light Parade – Showcased Homes and Businesses Shine Bright!

Experience the magic of lights this holiday season across four cities in the greater Seattle area. The cities of Lake Forest Park, Bothell, Kenmore, and Shoreline have come together again this year to showcase homes and businesses that have gone all out with amazing light displays this holiday season. This self-guided tour of lights is the perfect outing to enjoy with your family or friends from the convenience of your car. There is still time to participate and add your display to the map! To plan your route or register, go to:

<https://sites.google.com/view/winter-porch-light-parade/home>.

Presented by the City of Bothell, City of Kenmore, City of Shoreline, & City of Lake Forest Park

## WINTER PORCH LIGHT PARADE

Tour of Lights • Across Four Cities • 50+ Displays



DECEMBER 1 - 31, 2023  
SELF-GUIDED DRIVING EXPERIENCE  
PLAN YOUR ROUTE BY USING OUR VIRTUAL MAP  
BIT.LY/WINTERPORCHLIGHTPARADE



## Council Corner - Wave at Your Neighbors (and Everyone!)

When we originally published this article last summer, it was heartwarming to see how many people shared with me how much this idea resonated with them, so I thought it a great time to revisit the topic.

My late father spent a considerable portion of his academic time at the latter stage of his life studying what makes up and enhances “a sense of community.” He encouraged a simple way to enhance this important aspect of our lives by simply waving at neighbors and strangers alike on our neighborhood streets.

When we drive, we are more likely to be considerate and accountable to



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those we know than those we don’t.

Our wonderful City of Lake Forest Park has only about 13,500 residents, yet during a typical day more than 60,000 vehicles pass through our city at least once, ostensibly increasing the population of our city significantly. With so many people from surrounding communities passing through LFP, cut-through traffic has increased pressure on our neighborhood streets.

You may be surprised how effective waving at visitors to our city (and your neighbors as well!) as they pass through our neighborhoods fosters a sense of community and encourages responsible behavior and accountability on our roads.

–Deputy Mayor Tom French



Assistant Planner  
Elizabeth Talavera

## Meet the City's New Assistant Planner

Elizabeth Talavera recently joined the City of Lake Forest Park as the new Assistant Planner. Some of Elizabeth's duties include providing technical assistance in processing building and land use permits for compliance with zoning, sensitive areas, and other land use regulations. Duties also include

serving as support staff for the Planning Commission and Tree Board, preparing code enforcement reports and correspondence.

Elizabeth brings to the city prior experience working in the public sector as a Community Development Technician and, most recently, an Assistant Planner. Elizabeth is bilingual in Spanish and has a BA in History from the University of California, Riverside, and an MA in Public Administration from California State University, Fullerton.

Welcome, Elizabeth!

## Shop with a Cop

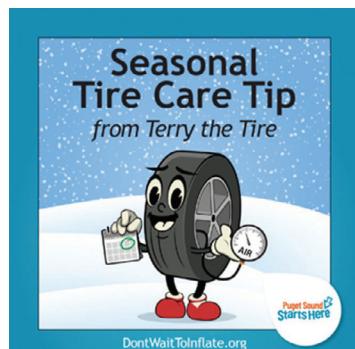
The LFP Police Department has a Shop with a Cop event this month. Stay tuned for updates on the event date, time, and additional information by following our social media and checking our website [<https://cityoflfp.gov>].



## Tire Care Tips

Cozy up to tire care this winter and check your air pressure monthly! You'll stay safer on our wintery roads with properly inflated tires, save money and help keep toxic pollutants out of our waterways! Don't wait to inflate! If you're not sure how, or to find an air station near you, visit:

<https://pugsoundsstartshere.org>.



Terry the Tire

## LFP Police Department Completes ABLE Training

The Lake Forest Park Police Department is pleased to announce that 100% of its sworn personnel have completed the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) training.

ABLE, founded by Georgetown University Law Center, provides comprehensive training and guidance to law enforcement agencies across the United States. This prestigious program prepares police officers and supervisors to successfully intervene to prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with ABLE and I am extremely hopeful that the training will serve to reinforce and promote best practices in law enforcement."

"I would like to recognize our ABLE instructors, Lake Forest Park Police Lieutenant Rhonda Lehman, and Lieutenant Diego Zanella, for making the class engaging and interesting."

"Additionally, I would like to thank all the individuals and groups who wrote letters of support during the ABLE application process," said Police Chief Mike Harden.



THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE TRASH CAN!



### DON'T FLUSH TROUBLE!



The label might say "flushable," but disposable wipes and other products are clogging our sewer lines and damaging pumps and other equipment.

Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways. So, think trash, not toilets!

To learn more, including how to get rid of things you no longer want or need, visit us on the Web at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/wtd> or call the Wastewater Treatment Division at 206-477-5371 or 711 TTY.



Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Wastewater Treatment Division



### Holiday Recycling Tips

Are you hosting a holiday party this year, or expecting lots of deliveries this season? Know which pieces of packaging are recyclable and which aren't.

Helpful tips:

- Make sure your recycling bins are clearly marked and let your holiday guests know what is recyclable and what isn't
  - Flat, dry cardboard goes in the recycling bin
  - High-density Styrofoam (EPS) can be recycled at the Shoreline Transfer Station [<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/facilities/transfer/shoreline-transfer.aspx>]
  - Regular Styrofoam and plastic packaging go in the garbage
  - Food waste can make its way to the compost/yard waste bin
- Use the extra available hands to help keep your recycling empty, clean, and dry

What's the best way to clean your recycling? Add some water, give it a good shake to remove all the food particles, empty it all out. Repeat, if necessary, until clean. Then, leave the open container on the counter to air dry. Recycle and repeat.

For more information on recycling and what can go in which bins, head over to the Republic Services website:

<https://republicservices.com>.

## DIRECTORY

### CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE  
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155  
M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-368-5440  
Fax: 206-364-6521  
Web: [www.cityoflfp.gov](http://www.cityoflfp.gov)

### PERMIT COUNTER

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### PASSPORTS

By Appointment Only -  
Schedule Online at:  
<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/124/Passports>  
M, Th & F: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-957-2834

### MUNICIPAL COURT

M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-364-7711  
Fax: 206-364-7712

### POLICE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency:  
425-577-5656  
Records: 206-364-8216  
Domestic Violence  
Victim Advocate:  
206-964-8277

### SEWER BILLING

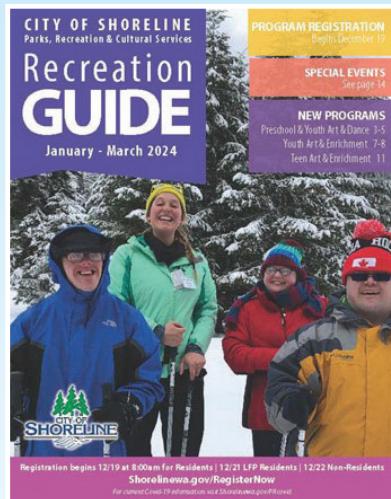
Phone: 206-368-5440 x134  
Email: [sewerbills@cityoflfp.gov](mailto:sewerbills@cityoflfp.gov)

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## LFP Early Registration for Winter Recreation Programs with the City of Shoreline Begins December 21, 2023



Are you a Lake Forest Park resident who is interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs offered through the City of Shoreline. Lake Forest Park residents are eligible for a 24-hour early registration period prior to the start of each season's programs plus an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) through the entire year! Early registration for LFP residents for Winter 2023-2024 begins December 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

Visit <https://shorelinewa.gov> for more information or give them a call at

206-801-2600 with any questions.

Reminder, LFP offers scholarship reimbursements for eligible youth and specialized recreation participants who reside in the City and are registered for and attend cultural, recreation, or aquatic programs and camps. More information on how to register, scholarships, or our partnership with the City of Shoreline is available on our website: <https://cityoflfp.gov/396>. You can also call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

## City Council Meetings

### City Council Regular Business Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

### City Council Work Session Meetings

2nd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

### City Council Committee of the Whole Meetings

Monday before the 4th Thurs., 6:00 p.m.

### City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meetings

3rd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Please check our calendar online for the most current meeting updates.

[www.cityoflfp.gov](http://www.cityoflfp.gov)

